

Saturday 10 o'clock, A. M.
February 5th, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Edward Fitzgerald, Senator from the district of San Patricio, Refugio and Nueces, appeared, presented his credentials, took the oath prescribed by the Constitution and his seat.

Mr. Perkins, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills reported the following bills correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate proceedings by certiorari and supersedeas in civil causes.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 12th section of an act entitled an act regulating estrays, approved December 22d, 1836.

And a bill to be entitled an act authorizing Charles Covington and his associates to establish a ferry cross the river Yeagua, and construct a causeway across the bottom lands thereof.

Mr. Dancy, Chairman of the committee on State Affairs made the following reports.

Committee Room,
February 4th, 1848.

J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The Committee on affairs of State, to whom was referred a "Joint Resolution on behalf of Edward A. Weyman, a resident citizen of the county of Nueces and State of Texas," have considered the same, and instruct me to report it to the Senate, with the following amendments, (to wit:)

First. In line five of preamble, strike out "Commander" and insert "Commandant."

Second. In sixth line, strike out "the River," and recommend the adoption of the amendments and the passage of the Joint Resolution as amended.

JON W. DANCY,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
February 4th, 1848.

J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate :

The committee on affairs of State, to whom was referred a Joint Resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to procure additional mail service" after due consideration, have instructed me to report the same to the Senate, with amendments, (to wit:)

Amendment First:

In first route, after "Brazos" insert "Springfield, Tiwokany Hills, Corsicana, Porter's Bluffs and Kingsborough," and after "and" insert "from Springfield via." and after "Buffalo," insert "Kingsborough."

Amendment Second.

In second route after "Crockett" insert "via Nashville, Wheelock, Leona and Alabama."

Amendment Third.

In fourth route, after "Gilmer" insert "Wilburns."

Amendment Fourth.

In fifth route, after "Marshall" insert "and Jefferson" and after "week" the word "in coaches."

Amendment Fifth.

Add to the resolution the following.

26th. From Austin via Youngs settlement to Caldwell, once a week."

"27th. From San Antonio to Castroville, once a week."

"28th. From Braunfels to Fredericksburg, once a week."

And in 12th route after "Lamar" insert "Copano" add,

"29th. From Washington via Fanthorps to Huntsville, once a week in coaches," and recommend the adoption of the amendments and the passage of the Joint Resolution as amended.

JON W. DANCY, Chairman.

Mr. Jewett offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee on Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of causing a boundary line to be established from some point on or near the head waters of Red River, to some point on the Rio Grande, north of which entries and locations of land warrants shall not be made, until otherwise provided by law, and that they report the result of their deliberations by bill, or in such manner as they may deem expedient.

Adopted.

Mr. McRae introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize Sheriffs to charge and receive mileage in certain cases; read first time.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend the 2nd and 3rd sections of the act concerning divorce and alimony; approved January 6th, 1841; read first time.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate proceedings by certiorari and supersedeas, in civil causes; read third time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing Charles Covington and his associates to establish a ferry across the river Yea-gua, and construct a causeway across the bottom lands thereof, was read third time and passed by the following vote.

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, Fitzgerald, McRae, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wooten—18.

NAYS—None.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 12th section of an act entitled an act regulating estrays, approved December 22d, 1836; read third time and passed.

Resolution of the House of Representatives proposing to go into the election of District Attorneys for the 1st, second, third and seventh Judicial Districts, on Monday the 7th day of February, was read.

Mr. Wallace moved to lay the resolution on the table until Monday next.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, it was laid upon the table indefinitely.

A message was received from the House of Representatives informing the Senate, that the House had concurred in the amendments of the Senate, to a bill to be entitled an act to locate the county seat of Navarro county.

Also, that the House had adopted a resolution to go into the election of State Treasurer and a Comptroller of Public Accounts on Monday 7th inst.

Also, that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to amend the 3rd section of "an act to provide for the disposition of the funds received from the United States," approved 3rd January, 1848.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal certain sections of an act entitled an act to reduce into one, and amend the several acts concerning executions, approved January 27th, 1842, together with the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, offering a substitute therefor, was read.

And, on motion of Mr. Williamson, made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

A bill to be entitled an act to permit married women to devise their separate property together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, reporting a substitute therefor, was read, and report adopted.

Mr. Jewett offered the following amendment.

Insert "now" before "prescribed."

Mr. Wallace moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Jewett, by inserting after "now" the words "or may hereafter be" which was accepted by Mr. Jewett, the amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Jewett moved to strike out "men" and insert "other testators."

Mr. Dancy moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Jewett, by striking out "persons."

Adopted.

Mr. Clark moved to amend by striking out "same" and inserting "such."

Adopted.

Mr. Perkins moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table.

Lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Jewett, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to apportion the Senators and Representatives of the Legislature among the several counties of this State; read first time.

The Senate concurred in the resolution of the House to go into the election of State Treasurer and Comptroller of public accounts on Monday the 7th inst.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for locating the seat of Justice for the county of Newton, together with the report of the committee on counties and county boundaries thereon; was read, and bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, Monday Morning.

Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.
February 7th, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Fitzgerald, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Perkins, Chairman of the committee on engrossed bills reportee "a bill to be entitled an act to permit married women to devise their separate property," correctly engrossed.

Mr. Clark, Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary reported on a bill to be entitled an act, to authorize and require